

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil coversheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

David Eaton

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff York County, PA
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
Vicki Piontek, Esquire
Piontek Law Offices
951 Allentown Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) |

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF
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Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR	SOCIAL SECURITY
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			FEDERAL TAX SUITS	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
			IMMIGRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee (Prisoner Petition) <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation |
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Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
15 U.S.C. Section 1681

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Brief description of cause:
Alleged Violations of FCRA

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 **DEMAND \$** **155,751.00** CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: **JURY DEMAND:** Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions): **JUDGE** **DOCKET NUMBER** _____

DATE **1/13/14** SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD **Sharon F. McKee**
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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

DAVID EATON	:	
3116 Sundial Road	:	CIVIL ACTION NO.:
Dover, PA 17315,	:	
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS FL, INC.	:	
6601 Park of Commerce Boulevard	:	
Boca Raton, FL 33487,	:	
and	:	
X,Y, Z CORPORATIONS,	:	
Defendants.	:	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

**TO: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441, and 1446, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 81(c), Defendant LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. hereby files this Notice of Removal of Case No. 2013-SU-003027-74, from the Court of Common Pleas of York County in which it was filed, to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In support of this Notice of Removal, LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. (“LNRSFLI”) avers as follows:

I. Background

1. On July 19, 2013, Plaintiff David Eaton (hereinafter “Eaton”) initiated this action by filing a Writ of Summons in the Court of Common Pleas of York County. A copy of the docket is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”
2. Eaton did not serve the Writ of Summons on any defendant. *See Ex. “A.”*
3. The docket reflects that a Complaint was filed on September 3, 2013 and an Amended Complaint was filed on November 21, 2013. The Amended Complaint purports to

name LNRSFLI as a defendant. A copy of the Amended Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

4. The Amended Complaint seeks judgment and alleges violations under 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.

5. Plaintiff did not attempt to serve original process of the Complaint or the Amended Complaint on LNRSFLI.

6. LNRSFLI, through its counsel, agreed to accept service of the Amended Complaint in exchange for an extension of the time to respond to the pleading. LNRSFLI's counsel executed an Acceptance of Service form on December 13, 2013, which was sent on that day to Plaintiff's counsel for filing with the Court. However, Plaintiff has never filed the document with the York County court.

II. LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. Has Satisfied the Procedural Requirements for Removal

7. This Notice is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedures 6(a)(1).

8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is the "district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."

9. No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein.

10. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal is being served upon Plaintiff's counsel and a copy is being filed with the Clerk's office for the Court of Common Pleas of York County, Pennsylvania.

III. This Court Has Subject Matter Jurisdiction Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331

11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case because Plaintiff alleges violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act ("FACTA"), 15 U.S.C. §1681, et seq., which arise under federal law.

12. This Court has jurisdiction over all civil actions "arising under the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

13. Accordingly, this case is properly removable under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

14. By filing this Notice, LNRSFLI does not waive its right to raise any objection and specifically reserves the right to assert any defenses and/or objections it is entitled to make.

WHEREFORE, Defendant LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. gives notice that the above action now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of York County is being removed to this Court.

HANGLEY ARONCHICK SEGAL PUDLIN & SCHILLER

By: /s/ Sharon F. McKee

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Dated: January 13, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon F. McKee, certify that on January 13, 2014, copies of the foregoing Notice of Removal and Corporate Disclosure Statement were served via Federal Express upon the following:

Vicki Piontek, Esquire
Piontek Law Offices
951 Allentown Road
Lansdale, PA 19446

Attorney for Plaintiff

/s/ Sharon F. McKee
Sharon F. McKee

EXHIBIT A

**CASE NUMBER 2013-SU-003027-74 / 1/9/2014 /
EATON DAVID R SR vs. LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS FL INC**

Date	Action	Pages
8/23/2013	PRAECIPE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS	1
8/23/2013	PRAECIPE FOR WRIT OF SUMMONS IN CIVIL ACTION	2
8/23/2013	WRIT ISSUED AND RETURNED TO ATTY FOR SERVICE	1
8/23/2013	FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT	4
9/3/2013	COMPLAINT	36
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PARTY NAME	ATTY NAME
P - EATON, DAVID R SR	PIONTEK, VICKI ANN
D - LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS FL INC	
D - XYZ CORPORATIONS	

EXHIBIT B

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION-LAW

David Eaton
3116 Sundial Road
Dover, PA 17315

Plaintiff

v.
LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc.
6601 Park of Commerce Boulevard
Boca Raton, Florida 33487
and
X,Y,Z Corporations

Jury Trial Demanded

2013-SU-003027 -74

Defendant(s)

NOTICE

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice to you for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by Plaintiff(s). You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

MID-PENN LEGAL SERVICES
29 NORTH QUEEN STREET, YORK, PA 17403
717-848-3605 Fax: 717-854-5431

PA BAR ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 186, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17018
717-238-6715 215-348-9413

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YORK, PA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION-LAW

David Eaton
3116 Sundial Road
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Plaintiff

v.
LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc.
6601 Park of Commerce Boulevard
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Defendant(s)

AMENDED COMPLAINT

INTRODUCTION

1. This is a lawsuit for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant(s') alleged violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA), 15 U.S.C. 1681, et seq.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. All previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint
3. Venue is proper in this District because Defendant(s) regularly do(es) business in this jurisdiction and avails itself of the benefits of the market in this jurisdiction.
4. Plaintiff resides in this jurisdiction.
5. A substantial portion of the transaction(s), occurrence(s) act(s) and / or omission(s) complained of in this action took place in or near this jurisdiction.
6. Key witnesses are located at or near this jurisdiction.

PARTIES

7. The previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint.
8. Plaintiff is David Eaton, an adult individual with a mailing address of 3116 Sundial Road, Dover, PA 17315.
9. Defendant(s) is/are the following individuals and business entities.
 - a. LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc., a corporation having its principal place of business at 6601 Park of Commerce Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida 33487. At various times throughout this Complaint LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc. may be referred to as "LexisNexis."
 - b. X,Y,Z Corporations, business identities whose identities are not known to Plaintiff at this time, but which will become known upon proper discovery. It is believed and averred that such entities played a substantial role in the commission of the acts described in this complaint. At various times throughout this Complaint said XYZ Corporations may be referred to as "LexisNexis."

**COUNT ONE: Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Fair and
Accurate Credit Transactions Act, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
Failure to Include Required Notices with Plaintiff's Consumer Report on or About May
14, 2013**

10. All previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint.
11. At all times mentioned in this Complaint Defendant(s) was / were a "consumer reporting agency" as defined by the 15 USC 1681, the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Defendant(s) was regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating, and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties.
12. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s)' Accurint branded reports to debt collectors, credit insurers and entities involved in the debt collection industry generally, to assist with the collection of delinquent consumer credit accounts, and the location of debtors and debtors' assets.
13. It is believed and averred that Defendant(s) also sells reports to employers for pre-employment and residential screening.

14. An Accurint report contains vast amounts of information about an individual consumer that Defendants have assembled and compiled, including information about where the consumer resides, the consumer's age, social security number, date of birth, employer and employment history, economic profile data regarding the consumer's home and neighboring properties, whether the consumer has filed for bankruptcy, has any liens or judgments, public records, UCC filings, professional licenses, accident history, recreational permits, and general information about the consumer's assets and property.
15. As represented by Defendants, Accurint reports are an extremely useful tool for debt collectors in terms of increasing collection recovery rates and the Defendants aggressively market them to debt collectors.
16. Some of the data contained in the Accurint reports is regularly used by debt collectors to collect consumer debts from consumers throughout the Country.
17. Some of the data that Defendants sell through Accurint reports derives from data that Defendants have purchased from other consumer reporting agencies and which it resells through an Accurint report.
18. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendants operated as "consumer reporting agencies" ("CRAs"), consumer reporting agencies "that compile[s] and maintain [s] files on consumers on a nationwide basis," as defined by 15 USC 1681a et. seq., 15USC 1681 b et. seq.

19. Among other things, the FCRA regulates the collection, maintenance, and disclosure of consumer report information by CRAs.
20. Despite the fact that Defendants assemble and compile consumer information for sale in the form of Accurint reports to debt collectors, employers, and credit insurers on a nationwide basis, do not provide consumers with summaries of their rights under the FCRA as required by 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2).
21. Instead of providing consumers with the required summary of rights under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2), LexisNexis willfully violates the FCRA by misrepresenting to consumers that it is not a consumer reporting agency as defined by FCRA, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
22. LexisNexis's practices not only violate the FCRA as a matter of law, it exacts serious consequences on consumers and interstate commerce.
23. Prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff contacted Defendant(s) in writing and requested a copy of the information contained in Plaintiff's consumer report which was maintained by Defendant(s).

24. 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2) imposes the following requirements on a consumer reporting agency to include certain notices and disclosures on the individual's or consumer's report when such report is provided by the consumer reporting agency to the consumer.

(2) Summary of rights required to be included with agency disclosures

A consumer reporting agency shall provide to a consumer, with each written disclosure by the agency to the consumer under this section—

- (A)the summary of rights prepared by the Commission under paragraph (1);
- (B)in the case of a consumer reporting agency described in section 1681a(p) of this title, a toll-free telephone number established by the agency, at which personnel are accessible to consumers during normal business hours;
- (C)a list of all Federal agencies responsible for enforcing any provision of this subchapter, and the address and any appropriate phone number of each such agency, in a form that will assist the consumer in selecting the appropriate agency;
- (D)a statement that the consumer may have additional rights under State law, and that the consumer may wish to contact a State or local consumer protection agency or a State attorney general (or the equivalent thereof) to learn of those rights; and
- (E)a statement that a consumer reporting agency is not required to remove accurate derogatory information from the file of a consumer, unless the information is outdated under section 1681c of this title or cannot be verified.

25. Defendant(s) received Plaintiff's request for Plaintiff's consumer report and sent Plaintiff a copy of Plaintiff's consumer report on or about May 14, 2013.

26. Defendant(s) did not include the above described required notice or disclosure with Plaintiff's consumer report when Defendant(s) sent Plaintiff the consumer report on or about May 14, 2013.

27. Defendant(s) breached its / their duty under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2) to provide such notice or disclosure to Plaintiff on or about May 14, 2013.

28. Instead of mailing Plaintiff a proper summary of rights required by 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2), Defendant(s) mailed Plaintiff a cover letter along with the purported copy of Plaintiff's consumer report. The cover letter dated May 14, 2013, stated among other things that Defendant(s) LexisNexis was not a consumer reporting agency.
29. Defendant(s) statement on May 14, 2013, that LexisNexis was not a consumer reporting agency was false and misleading and directly antithetical to the duties imposed on Defendant(s) under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2).

COUNT TWO: Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
Failure to Redact Portions of Plaintiff's Social Security Number on or About May 14, 2013

30. All previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint.

31. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was a consumer as defined by 15 USC 1681.

32. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was a person as defined by 15 USC 1681a (c).

33. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was an individual as defined by 15 USC 1681a (c).

34. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) maintained a "consumer report" on Plaintiff as defined by 15 USC 1681(a)(d), as follows:

35. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) was a "consumer Reporting Agency" as defined by 15 USC 1681a(f).

36. Prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff contacted Defendant(s) in writing and requested a copy of the information contained in Plaintiff's consumer report in which was maintained by Defendant(s).

37. Plaintiff requested that Defendant(s) redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number on the consumer report.

38. Pursuant to 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A), Defendant(s) was / were required to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security Number because Plaintiff specifically requested Defendant(s) to do so in writing at the time that Plaintiff requested the consumer report from Defendant(s).

39. Defendant(s) was/were required to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number on Plaintiff's consumer report even though the consumer report was given directly to the consumer, and not intended to be accessed by any third party.

40. Said redaction requirement was part of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA) of 2003.

41. The legislative purpose of such redaction requirement was to protect the consumer's privacy and Social Security Number from third parties and / or dumpster divers who might view the consumer's Social Security Number information on the consumer report.

42. Such legislative purpose is also exemplified in 15 USC 1681c (g), which was also part of the FACTA of 2003. 15 USC 1681c (g) requires merchants to redact all but the last 5 digits of a consumers' bank or credit card number on a receipt at the point of sale. Even the expiration date must be redacted. This is true even when such receipt is given directly to the consumer, and not intended to be accessed by any third party.
43. The purpose of 15 USC 1681c (g) was to protect consumers from unintended persons who may view or "dumpster dive" for the consumers' credit card or bank transaction receipts.
44. 15 USC 1681c (g) and 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A) have similar purposes in their redaction requirements to protect consumers' personal information from third parties who may view or obtain such consumers' personal account or Social Security information.
45. In response to Plaintiff's aforementioned written request, Defendant(s) sent Plaintiff a copy of Plaintiff's consumer report on or about May 14, 2013.
46. The report sent by Defendant(s) to Plaintiff on May 14, 2013, contained the first 5 digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number printed and not redacted.
47. The first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number was printed by Defendant(s) in several places on Plaintiff's consumer report.

48. On or about May 14, 2013, Defendant(s) breached its / their duty to Plaintiff under 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A) by failing to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security Number on Plaintiff's consumer report after having been specifically requested in writing by Plaintiff to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number.

COUNT THREE: Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
Failure to Include Required Notices with Plaintiff's Consumer Report on or About July 9, 2013

49. All previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint.

50. At all times mentioned in this Complaint Defendant(s) was / were a "consumer reporting agency" as defined by the 15 USC 1681, the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Defendant(s) was regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating, and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties.

51. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s)' Accurint branded reports to debt collectors, credit insurers and entities involved in the debt collection industry generally, to assist with the collection of delinquent consumer credit accounts, and the location of debtors and debtors' assets.

52. It is believed and averred that Defendant(s) also sells reports to employers for pre-employment and residential screening.

53. An Accurint report contains vast amounts of information about an individual consumer that Defendants have assembled and compiled, including information about where the consumer resides, the consumer's age, social security number, date of birth, employer and employment history, economic profile data regarding the consumer's home and neighboring properties, whether the consumer has filed for bankruptcy, has any liens or judgments, public records, UCC filings, professional licenses, accident history, recreational permits, and general information about the consumer's assets and property.

54. As represented by Defendant(s), Accurint reports are an extremely useful tool for debt collectors in terms of increasing collection recovery rates and the Defendants aggressively market them to debt collectors.

55. Some of the data contained in the Accurint reports is regularly used by debt collectors to collect consumer debts from consumers throughout the Country.

56. Some of the data that Defendants sell through Accurint reports derives from data that Defendants have purchased from other consumer reporting agencies and which it resells through an Accurint report.

57. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendants operated as "consumer reporting agencies" ("CRAs"), consumer reporting agencies "that compile[s] and maintain [s] files on consumers on a nationwide basis," as defined by 15 USC 1681a et. seq., 15USC 1681b et. seq.

58. Among other things, the FCRA regulates the collection, maintenance, and disclosure of consumer report information by CRAs.
59. Despite the fact that Defendants assemble and compile consumer information for sale in the form of Accurint reports to debt collectors, employers, and credit insurers on a nationwide basis, do not provide consumers with summaries of their rights under the FCRA as required by 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2).
60. Instead of providing consumers with the required summary of rights under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2), LexisNexis willfully violates the FCRA by misrepresenting to consumers that it is not a consumer reporting agency as defined by FCRA, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
61. LexisNexis's practices not only violate the FCRA as a matter of law, it exacts serious consequences on consumers and interstate commerce.
62. Prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff contacted Defendant(s) in writing and requested a copy of the information contained in Plaintiff's consumer report which was maintained by Defendant(s).

63. 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2) imposes the following requirements on a consumer reporting agency to include certain notices and disclosures on the individual's or consumer's report when such report is provided by the consumer reporting agency to the consumer.

(2) Summary of rights required to be included with agency disclosures

A consumer reporting agency shall provide to a consumer, with each written disclosure by the agency to the consumer under this section—

- (A)the summary of rights prepared by the Commission under paragraph (1);
- (B)in the case of a consumer reporting agency described in section 1681a(p) of this title, a toll-free telephone number established by the agency, at which personnel are accessible to consumers during normal business hours;
- (C)a list of all Federal agencies responsible for enforcing any provision of this subchapter, and the address and any appropriate phone number of each such agency, in a form that will assist the consumer in selecting the appropriate agency;
- (D)a statement that the consumer may have additional rights under State law, and that the consumer may wish to contact a State or local consumer protection agency or a State attorney general (or the equivalent thereof) to learn of those rights; and
- (E)a statement that a consumer reporting agency is not required to remove accurate derogatory information from the file of a consumer, unless the information is outdated under section 1681c of this title or cannot be verified.

64. Defendant(s) received Plaintiff's consumer report and sent Plaintiff a copy of Plaintiff's consumer report on or about July 9, 2013.

65. Defendant(s) did not include the above described required notice or disclosure with Plaintiff's consumer report when Defendant(s) sent Plaintiff the consumer report on or about July 9, 2013.

66. Defendant(s) breached its / their duty under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2) to provide such notice or disclosure to Plaintiff on or about July 9, 2013.

67. Instead of mailing Plaintiff a proper summary of rights required by 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2), Defendant(s) mailed Plaintiff a cover letter along with the purported copy of Plaintiff's consumer report on or about July 9, 2013. The cover letter for the consumer report dated July 9, 2013 stated among other things that Defendant(s) LexisNexis was not a consumer reporting agency.
68. Defendant(s) statement on or about July 9, 2013, that LexisNexis was not a consumer reporting agency was false and misleading and directly antithetical to the duties imposed on Defendant(s) under 15 USC 1681 g (c)(2).

COUNT FOUR Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.
Failure to Redact Portions of Plaintiff's Social Security Number on or About July 9, 2013

69. All previous paragraphs of this complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this complaint.

70. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was a consumer as defined by 15 USC 1681.

71. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was a person as defined by 15 USC 1681a (c).

72. At all times mentioned herein Plaintiff was an individual as defined by 15 USC 1681a (c).

73. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) maintained a "consumer report" on Plaintiff as defined by 15 USC 1681(a)(d), as follows:

74. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) was a "consumer Reporting Agency" as defined by 15 USC 1681a(f).

75. Within the applicable statute of limitations prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff contacted Defendant(s) in writing and requested a copy of the information contained in Plaintiff's consumer report in which was maintained by Defendant(s).

76. Plaintiff requested that Defendant(s) redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number on the consumer report.
77. Pursuant to 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A), Defendant(s) was / were required to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff Social Security Number because Plaintiff specifically requested Defendant(s) to do so at the time that Plaintiff requested the consumer report from Defendant(s).
78. Defendant(s) was/were required to redact Plaintiff's consumer report even though the consumer report was given directly to the consumer, and not intended to be accessed by any third party.
79. Said redaction requirement was part of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA) of 2003.
80. The legislative purpose of such redaction requirement was to protect the consumer's privacy and Social Security Number from third parties and / or dumpster divers who might view the consumer's Social Security Number information on the consumer report.

81. Such legislative purpose is also exemplified in 15 USC 1681c (g), which was also part of the FACTA of 2003. 15 USC 1681c (g) requires merchants to redact all but the last 5 digits of a consumers' bank or credit card number on a receipt at the point of sale. Even the expiration date must be redacted. This is true even when such receipt is given directly to the consumer, and not intended to be accessed by any third party.
82. The purpose of 15 USC 1681c (g) was to protect consumers from unintended persons who may view or "dumpster dive" for the consumers' credit card or bank transaction receipts.
83. 15 USC 1681c (g) and 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A) have similar purposes in their redaction requirements to protect consumers' personal information from third parties who may view or obtain such consumers' personal account or Social Security information.
84. Pursuant to Plaintiff's aforementioned written request to obtain Plaintiff's consumer report, and for Defendant(s) to redact the first 5 digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number on Plaintiff's consumer report, Defendant(s) sent Plaintiff a copy of Plaintiff's consumer report. However, the report sent by Defendant(s) to Plaintiff contained the first 5 digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number, not redacted.

85. The consumer report that was sent by Defendant(s) to Plaintiff on or about July 9, 2013, contained the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security Number, not redacted.

86. On or about July 9, 2013, Defendant(s) breached its / their duty to Plaintiff under 15 USC 1681g (a)(1)(A) by failing to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security Number on Plaintiff's consumer report after having been specifically requested in writing by Plaintiff to redact the first five digits of Plaintiff's Social Security number.

LIABILITY AND DAMAGES

87. The previous paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference.
88. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) acted jointly and collectively.
89. At all times mentioned in this Complaint, Defendant(s) operated under the brand name "LexisNexis."
90. Defendant(s) is/are liable for the acts committed by its agents under the doctrine of respondeat superior because Defendant(s') agents were acting within the scope of their employment with Defendant(s).
91. In the alternative, Defendant(s) is/are liable for the conduct of its agents / employees under the theory of joint and several liability because Defendant(s) and its agents / employees were engaged in a joint venture and were acting jointly and in concert.
92. Any mistake made by Defendant(s) would have included a mistake of law.
93. Any mistake made by Defendant(s) would not have been a reasonable or bona fide mistake.
94. An affiliate of Defendant , LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., was recently sued regarding its sale of Accurint reports and failure to follow the FCRA's strictures in doing so in the case of *Adams, et al. v. LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., et al.*, No. I :08-cv-04708-RMB-KMW, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

95. In its May 12, 2010 opinion the *Adams* court rejected LexisNexis's arguments the LexisNexis was not a consumer reporting agency. The Adams Court held that Accurint reports were consumer reports as defined by FCRA, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.

96. Likewise, the *Adams* court concluded that the plaintiff could prove a willful violation by proving "that Lexis either knowingly or recklessly adopted policies that contravened the FCRA."

97. The *Adams* case settled in August of 2010, after the court's opinion on the Rule 12(c) motion issued.

98. An affiliate company of Defendant(s), LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., has also been sued regarding its sale of Accurint reports and failure to follow the FCRA's strictures in doing so in the case of *Berry, et al. v. LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., et al.*, docket number 11-cv-00754, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

99. The *Berry* case settled preliminarily in March of 2013 for LexisNexis to pay \$13.5 Million as a result of the suit.

100. Even after LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., had been sued in the *Berry* case, Defendant(s) still continued the same pattern of FCRA violations that LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc. was sued for in the *Berry* case, for months after the *Berry* case was filed and served on Defendant(s). Over 31 other violations similar to the violations committed by Defendant(s) in this case have been documented in Pennsylvania in the last 12 months.
101. Even after LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., preliminarily settled the *Berry* case, Defendant(s) still continued the same pattern of FCRA violations that LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., was sued for in the *Berry* case, similar to this case, for months after the *Berry* case was settled for \$13.5 Million by Defendant(s). Over 12 violations similar to the violation in Plaintiff's case have been documented in Pennsylvania after the *Berry* case.
102. At all times mentioned in this Complaint Defendant(s) knew or should have known about the fact and legal rulings in the facts *Adams* case.
103. At all times mentioned in this Complaint Defendant(s) knew or should have known about the facts pertaining to the *Berry* case.

104. Defendant(s)' failure to modify its practices is the results of a deliberate corporate decision to disregard the duties imposed on Defendant(s) under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act, 15 USC 1681 et. seq.

105. Defendant(s) failure to modify its practices and/or conform them to the FCRA is the results of a deliberate corporate decision to disregard the findings of Federal Courts.

106. It is believed and averred that Defendant(s) act and omissions were not accidental, nor an oversight. Defendant(s) acts and omissions were willful, as evidenced by the following.

- a. The previously mentioned Adams case where LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc., was found to be a consumer reporting agency as defined by FCRA and where the Accurint reports were found to be "consumer reports" as defined by FCRA.
- b. The previously mentioned Berry case where LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc.'s violation of FCRA were clearly and unequivocally brought to the attention of Defendant(s).
- c. Defendant(s) continued violations of the FCRA in a similar manner to the violations alleged in the Berry case, well after the Berry case. Over 40 similarly situated consumers in Pennsylvania have been similarly affected.
- d. Defendant(s) acts and omissions were caused by Defendant(s)' lack of established business practices and procedures conform to FCRA and Defendant(s)' blatant disregard for the fact that Defendant(s) was / were a consumer reporting agency, and the fact that the Accurint product was a consumer report as defined by FCRA. Over 40 other Similarly situated consumers in Pennsylvania were also deprived of their right to receive the proper notice to the consumer required by FDCR, and numerous other

consumers received misleading communications by Defendant(s) that Defendant(s) was / were not a consumer reporting agency.

- e. Lack of established business practices and procedures conform to FCRA, to include the proper notices to consumers.
- f. Lack of established business practices and procedures conform to FCRA, to redact the Social Security numbers of consumers.
- g. Over 50 other cases in Pennsylvania where Defendant(s) have continued to print consumers' Social Security numbers on consumer reports despite written requests by such consumers for Defendant(s) to not print such numbers.

107. Plaintiff believes and avers that Plaintiff is entitled to at least \$1.00 actual damages for Plaintiff, including but not limited to phone, fax, stationary, postage, etc.

108. Plaintiff believes and avers that Plaintiff is entitled to \$1,000.00 statutory damages per violation for Count One pursuant to 15 USC 1681 et. seq. due to the willful nature of the acts or omissions described in this Complaint.

109. Plaintiff believes and avers that Plaintiff is entitled to \$1,000.00 statutory damages per violation for Count Two pursuant to 15 USC 1681 et. seq. due to the willful nature of the acts or omissions described in this Complaint.

110. There are a total of at least 4 violations for each count, on May 14, 2013 and July 9, 2013.

111. Each violation on each date warrants a separate \$1,000.00 statutory damages that Plaintiff should be entitled to.

112. Because Defendant(s) actions were willful, Plaintiff requests punitive damages against Defendant(s) in the amount to be determined by this Honorable Court.

113. For purposes of a default judgment, Plaintiff believes and avers that the amount of such punitive damages should be no less than \$150,000.00 because Defendant(s') actions were willful.

ATTORNEY FEES

114. The previous paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference.
115. Plaintiff believes and avers that Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees pursuant to 15 USC 1681 et. seq. for prosecuting this action.
116. Plaintiff believes and avers that such attorney fees amount to no less than \$1,750.00.00 at a rate of \$350.00 per hour, enumerated below.

a. Consultation with client and review of file, drafting letters	1
b. Drafting, editing, review, filing and service of complaint, amended complaint and related documents	2
c. Follow up contact with Defense and client	2

$$5 \times \$350 = \$1,750.00$$

117. Plaintiff's attorney fees continue to accrue as the case move forward.
118. The above stated attorney fees are for prosecuting this matter and reasonable follow up.

OTHER RELIEF

119. The previous paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Complaint.
120. Plaintiff requests / demands a jury trial in this matter.
121. Plaintiff requests injunctive and declarative relief.
122. Plaintiff requests an order from this Honorable Court or other Court of competent jurisdiction directing Defendant(s) to comply with the aforementioned provisions of the FCRA.
123. Plaintiff seeks such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant(s) in the amount of no less than \$155,751.00 as enumerated below, and for fees and costs and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

\$1.00 more or less actual damages.

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\$1,000.00 statutory damages pursuant to 15 USC 1681 et. seq. for Count Four

\$1,750.00 attorney fees

\$150,000.00 punitive damages

\$155,751.00

Vicki Piontek

11-6-2013

Date

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LEXISNEXIS RISK & INFORMATION ANALYTICS GROUP INC
1000 ALDERMAN DRIVE
ALPHARETTA, GA, 30005

RE: David R. Eaton, Sr. SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: 7/28/1951

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

David R. Eaton Sr. 4-24-13
David R. Eaton, Sr. Date

Exhibit A

David R. Eaton, Sr.
3116 Sundial Road
Dover, PA 17315

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David R. Eaton, Sr. 5-18-13
David R. Eaton, Sr. Date

Exhibit B



LexisNexis® Risk Solutions FL Inc.
Accurint Consumer Inquiry Department
P.O. Box 105610
Atlanta, GA 30348-5610

May 14, 2013

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David Eaton
3116 Sundial Rd
Dover PA 17315-4565
tay 002 price 70

Reference #: 45901

Dear Consumer:

We are sending this letter in response to the request you made for your Accurint Person Report. This Person Report is a compilation of public record data and non-public information using innovative technology to link records about an individual together. We have enclosed a copy of your Person Report as it exists today. This report may not contain every piece of personally identifiable information we have in our databases relating to you. Please review each section carefully and contact LexisNexis if you have any questions concerning this information.

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Thank you for allowing us to assist you.
Accurint Consumer Inquiry Department



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July 9, 2013

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CIVIL ACTION-LAW

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Jury Trial Demanded

Plaintiff
LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL Inc.
6601 Park of Commerce Boulevard
Boca Raton, Florida 33487
and
X,Y,Z Corporations

2013-SU-003027 -74

Defendant(s)

VERIFICATION

I, David Eaton, have read the attached complaint. The facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, understanding, and belief.

David Eaton 9-13-13
David Eaton Date